SYNOPSIS

'JACK-ON-TOP'

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ACT I

Jack Trochee, a safe-breaker serving a sentence, asks for an interview with the prison governor on the grounds that he has information which he believes will be of interest to Security. Hunter, Meres, Callan and Wilson (an 'MI5' man) discuss a KGB spy network which has been causing trouble for some time, though its leader has not yet been identified. Callan is told to interview Trochee. It seems that as a safe-breaker he has been working for the KGB gang, believing them to be involved only with industrial espionage. Trochee has not been paid for his work and Hunter believes that, if his stories are true, he might prove to be a lead to the KGB top men. Callan goes to the prison and satisfies himself about Trochee's story. He reports back to Hunter and it is decided that Trochee should be allowed to escape from prison and be followed.

ACT II

Callan meets Lonely in a cafe opposite Trochee's temporary home and tells him to keep close to Trochee wherever he goes . He even supplies him with a car. Meantime, Hunter and Meres go over and over the files they have on the KGB organisation in an attempt to discover some clue to the top man. Lonely observes Trochee going into a public phone box. Trochee calls Stella Paxton and talks to her in an articulate, cultured manner quite unlike the man we have previously seen in prison. Lonely reports to Callan that he believes Trochee knows he is being followed. Hunter and Meres wait for developments. Lonely follows Trochee to an apartment in North London and again reports to Callan. The apartment is Stella Paxton's. Trochee reveals to her that he is the top man, she having been one of the agents. He then tells her that he is leaving the country. Callan, following Lonely's call, arrives outside Stella's flat. Trochee takes microdots from Stella which she has been keeping during his prison term, strangles her, telephones Holbrook, knowing that the phones are tapped, and leaves. Holbrook is known to be another member of the spy-ring.

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ACT III

Callan sends Lonely home and goes into Stella's flat himself, discovers her body and reports to Hunter. Meantime, the monitoring service reports the call to Holbrook's. Trochee goes to Holbrook's himself, breaks in, and plants some incriminating evidence in Holbrook's safe. Hunter sends Meres to collect Callan and go to Holbrook's. Hunter, Meres and Callan interview Holbrook who, in the face of the evidence, ultimately breaks down and tells them of the escape route Trochee might be using. He should be picked up at a swimming baths in Wandsworth that evening. Meres and Callan go after Trochee. There is a dramatic chase through the baths. In the end Trochee dies and falls into the water. Callan discovers the microdots beneath a sticking plaster on Trochee's side.

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CAST LIST

CALLAN	EDWARD WOODWARD
HUNTER	DEREK BOND
MERES	ANTHONY VALENTINE
LONELY	RUSSELL HUNTER
TROCHEE	JOHN BAILEY
WILSON	CONRAD PHILLIPS
HOLBROOK	RICHARD MATHEWS
STELLA	DAPHNE SLATER
ASSISTANT GOVERNOR	CLIFFORD COX
SELBY	ANTHONY BLACKSHAW
MOTORWAY PATROL MAN	DAVE CARTER
SPECIAL BRANCH MAN	BARRIE FLETCHER
PRISON OFFICER NO. 1	PHILIP RYAN
PRISON OFFICER NO. 2	KENNETH HALE